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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to all my friends and fellow members---

It hardly seems possible that a year has nearly passed since the last Annual Meeting, but the time is almost here for another. It has indeed been a most exciting and wonderful year for me. I shall try briefly to tell you some of the things that I have done during the past year. I spoke on Hibiscus at four garden club meetings and also conducted a Horticulture meeting on Hibiscus at the Federated Garden Clubs in Tampa. In addition to this, I did two T.V. shows and also one radio program. I always enjoy doing these shows as they give one a feeling of having accomplished something and you meet many fine people in the course of making arrangements for them and doing the final show.

I was able to attend all but two of the beautiful Hibiscus shows that we had last year. It is always a joy to attend these and see our friends and neighbors working together to show off the fruits of their labors. Many hours of planning and hard work go into these shows and we owe it to each and every Chapter to come and see them and support their show. There is another aspect to this and that is all the fine people one will meet in addition to seeing old friends again.

Our show at the Florida State Fair was a big success and this is due to not only the people who put so much time and effort into it but also all our friends who come out to exhibit and help us judge. My sincere thanks and appreciation to all who helped. There is no venture in the world of Hibiscus that is a one man job. If we all work together, we can accomplish what we are striving so hard for. I have never approached anyone in the organization and had a deaf ear turned to me. This is most gratifying.

I hope that as many of you as can, will attend the Annual Meeting. Beside having yourselves a wonderful

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